तदनुसार, गढ़वा, चतरा, बांका गोड्डा और भभुआ जिला मुख्यालयों सहित 29 स्थानों को 1992–94 की चालू एल पी जी विपणन योजना में शामिल किया गया है। तेल चयन बोर्ड के माध्यम से डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरों के चयन का कार्य जारी है ।

Oil Drilling operations in Cochin

2202. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the oil drilling operations in the Cochin offshore are in progress; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHRAMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of Gas to LPG Bottling Plant near Vijayawada

2203. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gnvernment have formulated a scheme to supply onshore/offshore gas obtained from ONGC operations in the LPG bottling unit near Vijayawada; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

News regarding prices of LPG

2204. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Private sector LPG price is cheaper..."appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated 11th July, 1994;

(b) if so, the extent to which the news report is correct;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to reduce the LPG prices, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The products imported under the Parallel Marketing System can be sold at market determined prices since there is no price control by Goernment over the products imported under this system.

(c) and (d) There is no such proopsal under consideration.

Production of the servo Lubricants

2205. SHRI M. A. BABY:

SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the production capacity of lubricant brand name SERVO of IOBL, a subsidiary company of Indian Oil Corporation;

(b) what is the capacity utilisation of "SERVO" during the last three years;

(c) what is the market share of IOC for this lubricant;

(d) whether there is any expansion proposal for enhancing the ccapacity of this lubricant; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) 'Servo' is the brand name of the IOC for its high quality lubricants. The licensed capacity of the IOBL Blending Plants is 235 TMTs per annum.

(b) The capacity utilisation during the last three years is as under:—

1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
132%	131%	129%

(c) The market share of IOC lubricants for 1993-94 is 48.2 per cent.

(d) and (e) Mini Blending Plants are being installed at Padepalli in Andhra Pradesh and Khapri in Maharashtra with a proposed capacity of 50,000 MTs each per annum for Servo brand lubricants.

केलकर समिति की सिफारिशों के अनुसार प्राकृतिक गैस की कीमतों पर से नियंत्रण समाप्त करना

2206. **श्री सोमपाल :**
श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल:
श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :

क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या 25 जून, 1994 के "इंडियन एक्सप्रेस" में छपा यह समाचार सच है कि केलकर समिति की सिफारिशों और अन्य व्यवसायिक तरीकों को ध्यान में रखते हुए सरकार शीघ्र ही प्राकृतिक गैस की कीमतों पर से नियंत्रण समाप्त करने जा रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका औचित्य क्या है और यह निर्णय कब तक लागू कर दिया जाएगा ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) (क) और (ख) 31 दिसम्बर, 1995 तक की अवधि के लिए गैस की कीमतें सरकार द्वारा निर्धारित की गई हैं। अधिक निवेश आकर्षित करने के लिए तेल/गैस क्षेत्रों के निजी विकास कर्ताओं को गैस ईंधन तेल से संबद्ध कीमतों की अनुमति दी गई है। यह अनुमानित है कि बाजार से जुड़ी कीमतों पर प्राकृतिक गैस उपभोक्ताओं को उपलब्ध होगी।

Assistance from us in petroleum sector

2207. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether US has offered to assist India in advanced exploration for natural gas and petroleum and transfer of technology for more economic production of Natural Gas and Petroleum resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARM): (a) to (c) Following discussions between the Secretary of Energy for USA and Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas of India during her recent visit to India, it was agreed to explore the possibilities for cooperation between the two countries in utilisation of energy resources efficiently and in an environmentally sound manner, as also for technology transfer and exchange of